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SUBJECT: BOHICON-PARAKOU MICROWAVE LOAN 625-H-001

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

ABIDJAN FOR REDSO, DEPT PASS AID/W, NIAMEY FOR ADO

REF: (A) STATE 150485

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 5 AIDOFF MAU MET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OPT BOURAIMA TO REITERATE AID/W'S POSITION PER PARA 2, REF A, REGARDING FULFILLMENT CONDITION PRECEDENT 3.01 (D) CALLING FOR AN EXECUTED CONTRACT ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 12, 1973. BOURAIMA EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT USG WOULD CONSIDER DEOBLIGATING LOAN AND STRESSED MRGD REALLY WANTED PROJECT MOVE FORWARD. HE ASKED US TO UNDERSTAND DILEMNA CAUSED BY CHANGE MINISTER PTT ON AUGUST 22. AMBASSADOR AND MAU MET THE NEXT DAY WITH NEW MINISTER PTT, CAPITAIN BEBADA, TO REITERATE AID'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITION ON LOAN. MINISTER BEBADA SAID HE HAD ASSUMED HIS

FUNCTIONS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO AND THAT SIX DAYS REMAINING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12 DEADLINE INADEQUATE TO FULLY ACQUAINT SELF WITH PROJECT. HE ASKED USG UNDERSTANDING OF HIS POSITION AND EXPRESSED DAHOMEY'S STRONG DESIRE TO CONTINUE WITH PROJECT DESPITE DELAYS.

2. BOURAIMA, ALONG WITH MINISTER, ALSO EXPRESSED THE MRGD'S HOPE OF REMAINING IN CONSONANCE WITH OAU/ITU/AFDB PLANS FOR PAN AFRICAN SYSTEM AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REF B & C. ALTHOUGH BOURAIMA ALREADY INFORMED CONTENTS PARA 1, REF A, STATING THERE NO ENGINEERING INCOMPATIBILITY WITH PAN AFRICAN SYSTEM, AND THEREFORE NO ENGINEERING REASON TO DELAY SELECTION ENGINEERING CONSULTANT, BOTH HE AND MINISTER STRESSED THEY ABOVE ALL WANTED CONSULT WITH FELLOW AFRICANS AT THE ITU/AFDB TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEETING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 1973 AND NOW POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1973 PER REF D. AND E.

3. FOR FOREGOING REASONS, MIN PTT PLANS REQUEST BY LETTER ADDRESSED REDSO/WA BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12 DEADLINE, THREE-MONTH EXTENSION FOR MEETING CONDITION PRECEDENT 3.01 (D). EMBASSY WILL CABLE ADDRESSEE POSTS WHEN LETTER RECEIVED.

4. COMMENT: IT EVIDENT MRGD STILL WANTS PROJECT BUT HAS BEEN HINDERED BY CHANGE IN MINISTERS. BOURAIMA IS AS FRUSTRATED AS WE ARE WITH DELAY ON PROJECT. WITH NEW MINISTER, WHOSE REPUTATION GOOD, BUREAUCRATEIC OBSTACLES SHOULD DIMINISH. RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, AID/W ACCORD FURTHER EXTENSION FOR THREE-MONTH PERIOD ON UNDERSTANDING LOAN WILL DEFINITELY BE WITHDRAWN IF CP 3.01 (D) NOT MET WITHIN 90 DAYS.
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